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NOTES

THE ROOM OF RECENT ACCESSIONS.—The plan for the exhibition of the important accessions of the month in a room by themselves conveniently located near the entrance to the Museum was put into operation, tentatively, in August, 1906, when a portion of one of the galleries was set apart for this purpose.

The success of the experiment was immediate, and it was not long before the whole room was required for the exhibition of the purchases and gifts received each month. The Accessions Room, as it is now called, has just been enlarged by the removal of the old wall cases, and repainted, thereby giving greater facilities for the proper display of the diversity of objects changed each month at the time of the publication of the Bulletin.

CATALOGUE OF THE AVERY COLLECTION OF SPOONS.—In 1897, Mrs. S. P. Avery gave to the Museum her collection of spoons of all countries and periods, and with it a catalogue of the exhibit. The first edition of this catalogue having been exhausted, a second is now issued and copies may be had at the catalogue stands at twenty-five cents.

AMERICAN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION.—The third annual meeting of the American Museums Association was held in Chicago on May 5-7. A reception in honor of Sir Purdon Clarke was given by the Trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago in the galleries of the Institute on the evening of the fifth.

MEDIAEVAL TEXTILES.—An interesting group of mediaeval stuffs has recently been placed in Gallery 29. This comprises some pieces until now never ex-

hibited, also certain examples from the Coptic Collection, belonging more properly to the early middle ages than to the late classical period of the craftsmanlike Coptic work, and a valuable Syrian-Egypto piece of the fourteenth century.

In the history of decorative arts, especially textiles, there are few fields of greater historic as well as artistic interest than that of the mediaeval stuffs; and it is hoped that the Museum may soon be able to show a collection which shall illustrate more perfectly than this rather deficient group is able to do, the different phases in the development of the art.

SAINT-GAUDENS EXHIBITION.—The Saint-Gaudens Memorial Exhibition closed on May 31st.

The special Committee on the Exhibition will attempt to secure bronze replicas of some of the exhibits, for presentation to the Museum. The formation of a fund for this purpose is under way, and those interested are invited to address Daniel C. French, Chairman, or Frederick S. Wait, Treasurer of the Memorial Committee, in the care of the Metropolitan Museum.

THE LIBRARY.—The additions to the Library during the past month were two hundred and six volumes, divided as follows: by purchase one hundred and sixty-four volumes; by presentation forty-two volumes.

The names of the donors are: American Art Association; Mr. William L. Andrews; Mr. George Hall Baker; Mr. Paul Chevalier; Mr. John M. Clarke; Miss C. E. Dudley; Guildhall Library, London, England; Mr. George A. Hearn; Mr. George G. Heye; Miss Margaret Taylor Johnston; Mr. George F. Kunz; Mr. F. Lair-Dubreuil; Mr. Richard Hoe Lawrence; Mr.

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James Loeb; Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan; Mr. Edward C. Moore, Jr.; Messrs. F. Muller & Co.; Mr. Marshall H. Saville; Dr. Wilhelm R. Valentiner and Mr. J. J. Marquet de Vasselot.

The number of readers was two hundred and ninety-two.

ATTENDANCE.—The following table shows the number of visitors at the Museum during March and April of this year and of last year.

| MARCH | | | |
|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 1907 | | 1908 | |
| 17 Free days | 38,111 | 17 Free days | 60,313 |
| 7 Evenings | 1,683 | 9 Evenings | 4,506 |
| 5 Sundays | 30,302 | 5 Sundays | 34,657 |
| 9 Pay days | 3,445 | 9 Pay days | 5,078 |
| Total, 73,541 | | Total, 104,554 | |

| APRIL | | | |
|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1907 | | 1908 | |
| 17 Free days | 31,566 | 18 Free days | 54,685 |
| 4 Evenings | 926 | 9 Evenings | 1,218 |
| 4 Sundays | 39,047 | 4 Sundays | 35,321 |
| 9 Pay days | 3,597 | 8 Pay days | 5,330 |
| Total, 75,136 | | Total, 96,554 | |

WEST POINT CADETS.—The annual visit to the Museum of the West Point Military Academy Cadets occurred on Monday, May 4th. One hundred and five members of the Senior Class, with their instructor, Col. C. W. Larned, spent the day in studying the collections.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Members of the Museum who desire to have the Bulletin sent to their Summer addresses will please notify the Assistant Secretary.



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